

Dwain Scruggs Jr.

Lieutenant Junior Grade, U.S Navy

Maintenance Officer

Lieutenant Junior Grade Dwain Scruggs Jr. from Waynesville, North Carolina, graduated from South Albany High School, Albany, Oregon, in 1983. He enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduation and reported for recruit training at Recruit Training Command San Diego, California in October, 1983, where he received the Navy League's Outstanding Recruit Award and was meritoriously advanced to E-2. In April 1984 he completed training for Aviation Machinists Mate at Naval Air Maintenance Training Group Detachment (NAMTRAGRUDET), NAS Oceana, Virginia. He then reported to the Fighter Squadron 101 (VF 101) "Grim Reapers" at NAS Oceana for training in F-14A power plants and related systems.

Dwain reported to the VF 84 "Jolly Rogers" in April 1984, serving in a variety of billets while there he made one North Atlantic and two Mediterranean Sea deployments aboard *USS NIMITZ* (CVN 68).

In October 1987, Dwain received orders to VF 101 at NAS Oceana where he served as an F-14A power plants and related systems instructor at the Fleet Readiness Aviation Maintenance Program. While assigned to VF 101 he completed training for the F110-GE-400 engine and the F-14A+/D "Super Tomcat" aircraft.

Dwain then reported to the VF 74 "Bedevillers" in February 1991. While there, he served as the line division leading petty officer and assistant flight deck coordinator. He completed a North Atlantic and a Mediterranean Sea deployment aboard *USS SARATOGA* (CV 60). In April 1994 the "Bedevillers" were decommissioned and Dwain received orders to the VF 41 "Black Aces" where he completed an interdeployment training cycle aboard *USS ROOSEVELT* (CVN 71).

In March 1995, Dwain reported to NAMTRAGRUDET Oceana, where he was promoted to chief petty officer. While attached to NAMTRAGRUDET Oceana he served as leading instructor for the F-14A/B/D "O" and "I" level power plants and related systems phase.

Dwain reported to the VF 213 "Fighting Black Lions" in June 1998. While serving as flight deck coordinator and maintenance control chief he completed one Pacific Rim exercise and one Western Pacific deployment onboard *USS CARL VINSON* (CVN 70), participating in *Operation Desert Fox* and *Operation Southern Watch* in the Arabian Gulf. In September 2000 he was commissioned as a chief warrant officer.

After completing of limited duty officer/chief warrant officer indoctrination and Naval Aviation Maintenance Program Manager course, Dwain reported for duty with the VF 211 "Fighting Checkmates." After initially serving as assistant maintenance officer, he served as the maintenance material control officer (MMCO). While serving as MMCO with the "Fighting Checkmates," he completed a combat deployment to the Arabian Gulf aboard *USS JOHN C. STENNIS* (CVN 74) in support of *Operation Enduring Freedom*. During his tenure as MMCO, he was selected the 2002 Fighter Wing Atlantic Maintenance Officer of the Year.

Dwain joined the Blue Angels in September of 2003. His awards include two Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, and various campaign and service awards.